

Dear Senator Feinstien,

It is crucial that you pay attention to the following. This country is headed down the road of HELL. I am very distressed by the complete lack of coverage by our nation's media of the FCC's consideration of allowing one company to own more than one kind of media service. I believe this lack of coverage is a prime example of precisely why we have such regulations in the first place. It appears that "deregulation" in this case, and in the case of the 1996 FCC policy change, is simply a fancy way to "reregulate" our media for the benefit of a privileged few. It is currently in a shambles and the lack of debate about our nation's politics, decisions and even huge events such as possible wars is a directly result of this much praised "deregulation". Changes in who can own media should not be made behind closed doors. And it is, I believe, our government's job to insure that the media remain in the grasp of the public at large, that it not be allowed to be controlled by a privileged few. Anything less turns our media into a mere propaganda machine, or commercialism disguised as entertainment or news, both of which we have seen evidence of in these past 8 years. It is time to reclaim our media and, in doing so, to reclaim our voice in this country. It belongs in the hands of the people, as many people as possible. That is the only way it has any value for our country or for democracy. Thanks for your time.

Sincerely,

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